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WELL KNOWN FORMER LOCAL WOMAN HAS FIVE SONS IN THE WAR AREAS ALL HAVE MANY FRIENDS HERE

The many friends of Mrs. Alice B. Askren, who for many years was a resident of this town, with a home on the Wamaker Road, still owned by her, will be interested to learn of her and her family of five boys and a daughter. It is a story of human interest, so much so that the Ann Arbor, Mich. News publishes an account and a copy has reached the editor of the Press. The correspondent writing says, "small wonder that Mrs. Askren has now white hair", with five sons, three in the service of the United States army and navy and two in the foreign lands, where the march of tramping feet is heard and the bombs are bursting. "Yet it is a source of happiness and pride to Mrs. Askren."

David Paul, 21 is now a first class seaman in the regular navy and recently took tests prior to becoming a petty officer. He is on a warship in the Pacific ocean.

William, 25, graduated from Annapolis and is an officer in the Naval Reserve and is on Atlantic duty having been on the Iceland patrol.

Ronald, 25, concluded a reserve officers course and is in the service, temporarily assigned to ship building work at Camden, N. J.

Charles, 31, is in upper Egypt, where he has been for eight years in the business of exporting cotton. Robert Leslie, 34, manager for the Standard Oil Co. at Beirut, Syria, and for 12 years resident there has had a trying and dangerous experience with the bombings and clash of troops. He is married and his wife and two children came to the home of Mrs. Askren, after a most difficult journey. They flew from Jerusalem to Bombay taking 13 days for the trip. Their voyage took them from Bombay around Africa to New York City. The younger Mrs. Askren was an American girl who taught music in the mission at Beirut.

Mrs. Askren's only daughter, Helen, is her least source of worry. Miss Askren is a librarian in the University Museum of Paleontology at Ann Arbor.

With the exception of David, the brothers and their sister are graduates of the University and hold degrees.

The family history is one of service and sacrifice and adventure. Mrs. Alice Askren went to Egypt as a trained nurse and met Dr. D. L. Askren, for 40 years head of the American Mission at Fayoum. Mrs. Askren came to America to educate her children and settled in Northfield, where the daughter went to the Seminary and the boys to Mount Hermon school. Later the family located at Ann Arbor, Mich., to conclude the education of the children.

Dr. and Mrs. Askren served in the Red Cross in Jerusalem during the last war, and Dr. Askren died in Egypt in 1937.

Red Cross Roll Call In County \$12,170

The various reports coming in from the Chairmen of the Red Cross Roll Call for this year from the 26 towns of Franklin county, now total the amount of \$12,170, which is an increase of \$2,100 over the results of the 1940 campaign and even exceeds the results of the special appeal in 1927 during the floods of that year. Northfield reported this year the sum of \$715.22 an increase over last year which was \$696.79.

Contributions from individual towns were as follows: Ashfield, \$239.90; Bernardston, \$127.50; Buckland, \$101.25; Charlemont, \$139; Colrain, \$159; Conway, \$121.45; Deerfield, \$1067.15; Erving, \$54; Farley, \$11.50; Gill, \$117.35; Greenfield, \$5347.94; East Hawley, \$17.75; West Hawley, \$17.84; Heath, \$54.25; Leverett, \$75; Leyden, \$37; Millers Falls, \$370; Mount Hermon, \$290.91; Monroe, \$89; Montague, \$143; Moores Corner and No. Leverett, \$31.65; New Salem, \$74.50; Northfield, \$715.22; Orange, \$450; Riverside, \$66.75; Rowe, \$33.25; Shelburne Falls, \$407.91; Shelburne \$117.05; Shutesbury, \$38.50; \$117.05; Shutesbury, \$38.50; South Deerfield, \$319.35; Sunderland, \$228.25; Turners Falls, \$1075.39; Warwick, \$71.05; Wendell, \$13; and Whately, \$180.85.

Jap Ship Turns Back Mrs. Durgin Aboard

When the Japanese liner, Tatuta Maru, sailed for San Francisco on Friday the 12th, with a number of Americans aboard, among the number was Mrs. Russell Durgin, who expected to come to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle of this town. War had not broken out at the time of the sailing, but when the ships captain was informed of the fact he was ordered to turn about and return to Japan, where the vessel arrived last Sunday at Yokohama. The news was heard over the radio last week Wednesday evening that the ship was ordered back and last Saturday the news was confirmed by the Japanese news agency. Mr. Durgin remained at his post with the YMCA of Tokio.

Rev. Dr. Gruber Dies At Home In Chicago

The Rev. Dr. L. Franklin Gruber, since 1927, President of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, a brother-in-law of William F. Hoehn of this town died Friday evening, December 5 at his home in Maywood, Chicago. He and his wife, had visited here during the late summer a few years ago as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hoehn and during his stay, with Albert G. Moody, had visited the Seminary of the Northfield schools. Dr. Gruber was for 26 years professor of theology at St. Paul and Minneapolis after which he headed the Theological Seminary at Chicago which has prospered under his administration. He was a student of theology and had served on many commissions, was an author, writer and lecturer. Many of his books some twenty in number are to-day used in the study of theology. He also was a collector of old Bibles and his collection stored in a bank vault, was considered one of the best in the country.

His funeral was the Tuesday following his death and burial was in the family plot in Mount Pleasant, Pa. He held degrees from several colleges. The New York Times of Sunday the 7th gave a full account and his biography.

Hear Ferris To-night On Incendiary Bombs

To-night at eight o'clock, Chief Herbert Ferris of the Greenfield Fire Department will speak on the proper handling of incendiary bombs and the proper procedure during a blackout, under the auspices of the local Defense committee, at the Town hall. An urgent invitation is extended to all our citizens to attend and hear this practical and educational subject discussed. There will be no excuse for ignorance upon these important matters after this address is heard. George McEwan the chairman of the local committee will preside.

Bridge Is Guarded

The bridge of the Central Vermont railroad crossing the Connecticut river in Northfield is now under guard, both day and night. Two guards are on duty and persons are cautioned not to trespass upon the property at any time. Much freight is moving over this line and heavy trains may be heard frequently as they roll over the bridge enroute to New London. It is said that many other railroad bridges in this territory have also been placed in charge of guards.

Eastern Star Elect

At the meeting of the Northfield chapter, Order of the Eastern Star held last week in the Masonic hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Ida Sheldon, Worthy Matron; Edward Bolton, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Catherine Sheldon, associate matron; L. P. Goodspeed, associate patron; Mrs. Ruth Hurlbut, secretary and Miss Gladys Elithorpe, treasurer. Mrs. Maude for three years. After election the choir of the Congregational church entertained with a program of Christmas music. The installation of the officers will be held on Wednesday evening, January 7.

Complete First Aid And Ready To Assist Whenever Calls Come

The second Standard Red Cross First Aid course was completed on Monday evening of this week and over forty townsfolk and faculty of the Seminary and Mount Hermon are qualified to receive certificates from Washington. The class presented Mr. Raymond George of Montague, who has acted as their instructor, with a gift certificate in appreciation for the work he has done in offering his services as a first aid instructor in Northfield. A Standard and Junior course are being given at Northfield Seminary, with Miss Florence Tyler and Mrs. Robert Cumming of Greenfield instructing, and Gene Cullum of Northfield is conducting a Standard class at Mount Hermon school as well as a class in Warwick. A new class was started at Gill on Wednesday evening of this week and the instructors are Doris Harriott of Northfield and Charles Repeta of Northfield Farms.

With the completion of this second Standard course Northfield now has more than 90 Standard First Aiders, over twenty of these having qualified as Advance First Aiders and five as instructors. The classes at The Northfield Schools number about forty each. Miss Hazel Schooley, who is chairman of First Aid for the Northfield Committee on Public Safety, has announced that these First Aiders have been organized into working units for duty in case of emergency. First aiders at Mount Hermon, Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, Northfield Farms, and on the Seminary campus, have been divided into groups to cover a given territory and are arranging to have a supply of first aid equipment available. Mr. Gordon Poyer is in charge of first aid at Mount Hermon, Miss Julia Austin is working with Northfield and Northfield Farms, Miss Schooley is in charge of East and West Northfield, and Miss Helen Proctor is organizing the first aiders on the Seminary campus. In view of the large territory to be covered, it is hoped that all those who have had first aid training and are not already registered as First Aiders will volunteer their services in their particular section. There is a particular need for workers in West Northfield, Northfield Farms, and the outlying sections of Northfield and East Northfield.

A third Standard Course of twenty hours, to be covered in two and a half hours a week for eight weeks; and a ten hour Advance Course in First Aid for Civilian Defense, which will cover 2½ hours a week for four weeks and will be open to all those who have Standard or Advance certificates, will begin immediately after the first of the year. Miss Schooley will instruct both classes, and the dates will be announced shortly. It is also expected that a Standard class will be given to faculty at Mount Hermon and at the Seminary and will be held weekly on the campus of each school. The classes in Northfield will be given at the Town Hall.

Neighborhood Nights At Northfield Hotel

The first neighborhood night for this season was resumed on Wednesday night of this week at the Northfield Hotel and a goodly number of our citizens attended. A special menu was served for supper in the dining room at a very reasonable cost, after which nearly all stayed to play bridge, Chinese checkers or other games, while some watched the glaring fires of the fireplaces. All spent a most enjoyable evening meeting their neighbors in a social atmosphere. These special events will continue through the winter months, and the next one will be Wednesday evening the 24th.

Still Need The Names

A few weeks ago it was announced in the Press, the intention of Haven H. Spencer Post No. 179 in collaboration with the Press to compile a list of Northfield men serving in the armed forces of our country, and from this data to publish an "Honor Roll" as a regular feature of the paper. It was asked that the names of such men with their branch of service be mailed to Dr. R. G. Holton Adjutant of the Post. To date the response to this request has not been encouraging. This data is valuable not only for this purpose, but as a matter of record, and it is asked again that you cooperate by sending in the names of your boys who are in service.



Christmas - The Children's Festival

Musical Privilege "Messiah" Presented Sunday Afternoon

At the Second Congregational church in Greenfield, next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the Greenfield Choral Club which includes several singers from Mount Hermon and this town will present Handel's Messiah under the direction of Melvin L. Gallagher of the Northfield schools. The club comprises about 45 voices and the soloists are Miss Esther Strong of Northampton and Howard B. Roche of Greenfield, also Miss Claire McLamore, a student at the Seminary and Victor Prah of Northampton. Carlton L'Homme-dieu of Mount Hermon school will be the organist and Miss Margaret Rit of Turners Falls will be the pianist. The entire first part of the oratorio will be presented. A most cordial invitation is extended to our citizens to attend.



M. L. Gallagher

Plan Holiday Dance

On Monday evening, December 29 the Northfield Girl Scouts are sponsoring a dance, to be held in the Northfield Town Hall.

They are featuring the "Men of Music" from the Latchis Hotel in Brattleboro.

At 8:00 o'clock the Girl Scouts are to put on a one-act play called "A Good Girl in the Kitchen". Then at 8:30 dancing will begin featuring both round and square dances to 12:30 o'clock.

All are cordially invited.

Public Safety Committees Local Chairmen

The press has been requested to announce the names of the chairmen of the local safety committees in this district. There is an organization for every community in the state, all of which are a part of and directed by the state organization. The local chairman is the executive officer in the community.

In Northfield the chairman is George McEwan; Bernardston Melvin A. Denison; Deerfield John T. Mannix; Erving Carl R. Fowler (Millers Falls); Gill S. Fred Kernlake Jr.; Greenfield Joseph T. Bartlett; Montague George F. Wrightson (Turners Falls); Orange Clarence W. Hayden; Shelburne Capt. Harry P. Shaw; Warwick Lee J. Dresser; Wendell Arthur B. Lewis.

\$35,000 War Drive Red Cross Quota For County Area

A quota of \$35,000 for Franklin county's contribution to the war relief fund of the Red Cross has been set by national headquarters in a telegram to Frank L. Boyden, chairman of the County Chapter.

In the first World War the chapter contributed \$24,106, its quota being \$20,000. The Red Cross annual roll-call, recently completed, was the largest in the history of the chapter's roll-call, amounting to \$12,170.

The Springfield chapter yesterday authorized purchase of equipment for eight mobile Red Cross canteen units and for 20 emergency ambulances in accordance with instructions issued to all chapters of the First Corps area.

No decision on these instructions has been made by the County Chapter although officials said a meeting will be held to decide upon this. Chairmen and workers for the \$35,000 drive also will be appointed shortly.

Bundles For Britain To Knit For Sailors

At a full meeting of the members of the local branch of "Bundles for Britain" held at the Northfield hotel on Monday afternoon, with Mrs. A. Gordon Moody the chairman presiding, it was unanimously decided to take on the additional work of "Bundles for Bluejackets". This means that sweaters, caps, mufflers, mittens, etc will be knitted for the sailors and forwarded promptly to meet the cold weather conditions.

A large supply of yarn was immediately ordered and this will be furnished to anyone who is willing to cooperate in this splendid service. Call Mrs. Moody or Mrs. Carr on the phone immediately and tell them you will volunteer for this service. "Bundles for Bluejackets" should enlist the support of all. The committee announces that it will give a public function on January 12th to raise funds.

Unitarian Church Christmas Pageant

At the Unitarian church on Sunday evening a Christmas pageant will be given entitled, "The Vision of Israel—the Nativity—the message of Jesus of Nazareth". The people of the community are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed will preside at the organ and the choir will consist of Mrs. Grace Heald, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Donald Williams, Miss Winona Robinson, Miss Arline Dunnell, Robert Taylor, George Leonard, Dr. A. H. Wright and Charles Lawrence. Rev. Arthur Heeb will be the director of the Bible readings, and the program includes the Cry of the Watchmen, the voice of Isaiah, the Annunciation, the Shepherds, the Three Kings, the Manger scene, the dedication in the Temple, and Jesus in the Temple. A very large group of participants will be required in the presentation and the costumes and decorations will be of the period of the episode. Rehearsals have been going on for some time and efficient committees already announced in the Press have been busy with their work.

Local Parents Give Enthusiastic Response To School Lunch

The School Department of this town is pleased to announce a very encouraging response to the questionnaire recently sent to parents regarding a school sponsored hot lunch program.

The replies totaled as follows: would you like your child to have a hot soup to cost not over 5c daily?—Answers: Regularly 45. Occasionally 95. Never 38.

Would you approve of whole milk @ 4c? Yes 64. No. 57. Do you approve of hot cocoa made with skimmed milk @ 2c? Yes 85. No. 33.

If we served a five cent dessert such as a pudding, jello, fruit, etc. would your child probably buy it? Regularly 25. Occasionally 106. Never 39.

Would your child continue to carry some lunch from home? Yes 100. No. 33.

Would you prefer that we serve a complete lunch to take the place of a home lunch? Yes 63. No. 56. Cost not to exceed 10c—33. Cost not to exceed 15c—37.

Many constructive suggestions were made which the committee hope to be able to carry out as rapidly as facilities permit.

The serving of hot soup will begin on Monday, January 5, 1942. The Federal Government is to help with some supplies. The program is to be self supporting and for this reason will be developed as funds permit.

Congregational Church Bulletin For The Week

On Sunday, Services will be as follows: 10 a. m. Sunday School. 11 a. m. Morning Worship. Christmas sermon by Mr. Dahl: "Out Back in a Manger." Special music by the choir. 5 p. m. Candlelight Vesper Service, under the direction of the Christian Endeavour Society and the Forum. The Choir will sign Christmas music, and the members of the Endeavour Society will read the Christmas Story: Following the Vesper Service, the members of the Christian Endeavour and the Forum will meet for a box supper in the Vestry, and then go caroling.

Monday: 3:30 - 4:30 Kindergarten and Cradle Roll Christmas party in the Vestry. Tuesday: 5:30 Supper for the Junior, Senior, and Home Departments of the Sunday School in the Vestry, to be followed by Christmas tree, gifts, and a Santa Claus. Wednesday: 8: Christmas Eve Service with a sermon by Mr. Dahl. This will be a brief service for those who wish to give religion a place in their holiday celebration, and will take the place of the Thursday evening prayer meeting.

Unitarian Church

On Sunday morning at 10:30 Christmas family communion and Fellowship service. Families of the parish, friends and members and the community cordially invited. Rev. Arthur Heeb, minister Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed in charge of music.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock a religious Christmas pageant will be given, being the Vision of Israel, The Nativity and the Message of Jesus of Nazareth. The community cordially invited.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 23 at 7 o'clock there will be a parish Christmas party and a tree with gifts, Santa Claus will appear. There will be games and square dancing. All members and friends, children and adults are invited. The theme of the evening will be: "Let Us Make Merry" as in "Ye Days of Olde."

New Years Eve Party Arranged For Town Hall

On Wednesday evening, New Years eve, a community party is being arranged at the Town Hall when a series of movie "shorts" will be presented with a strip of comics for the children. Subjects include: "Fall of the Tacoma Bridge", "Firing on the U. S. Panay", "Twentieth Century Limited" and others. Mrs. E. M. Powell has charge of the program and no admission will be charged but during the evening a collection will be taken to be contributed toward the Red Cross appeal and this collection should be generous. There will be music and candy will be on sale. Everybody is urged to attend and make a big night of it. After the gathering there will be time for midnight shows and watchnight services.

The Christmas Season Interests School Students Leaving For Home Today

Christmas vacation began today (Friday) at The Northfield Schools when 1100 students left campus for the winter holiday. The Mount Hermon boys will return to classes on January 5 and the girls will resume their studies on January 6.

Among the students from Northfield and vicinity who are on vacation are James S. Nims of Bernardston; John R. Addison, Richard Barrows, Harold Bigelow, Jr., Robert Chapin, William Compton, Russell Durgin, Norton Field, Kenneth Franz, Sidney Given, Jr., Calvin Greenwood, Edward M. Powell, Jr., John A. Rikert, Ross Spencer, Jr., Mary and Frances Eddy, Arlene Finch, Elaine Franz, Cora Lee Gethman, Helen Howard, Ruth Krist, Lucretia Marshall, Katherine Moody, Betty Jean Purrington, Ruth Rikert, Margery Speers, Clara Marie Young, Howard Hubbell, Gordon Poyer, Earle Smith, Richard Stevens, Charles D. Thompson, Jr., Jean Bassette, Camilla DeWitt, Alice Plumridge, Carolyn Poyer, Catharine Rikert Beatrice Sargent, Ruth Taber, Barbara Addison, Ann Greenwood, Janet Kehl, Gloria Savcheff, Helen Savcheff and Lydia Wright of East Northfield, Northfield and Mount Hermon; and Carroll Rich, Jr., Allie and Peter Skib, Harold Zuluzny, and Phebe Stacy of South Vernon.

Many of the students will travel some distance during the Christmas recess and a number of Seminary faculty are planning holiday trips. Mrs. Ona E. Briggs will travel to St. Paul, Minnesota; Miss Marian Keller will join her family at Dunedin, Florida; Miss Helen Burnham will spend some time at Fort Pierce, Florida; Dr. Virginia Lane will go to her home in Arlington, Va.; and Miss Caroline Phelps, Miss Erma V. Reynolds and Miss Marguerite Liniger are planning to drive to Florida and spend some time at West Palm Beach.

Carol services were observed at both schools last Sunday to usher in the Christmas season. A special program of Yuletide music was given by a combined choir of voices from the Mount Hermon Glee Club and the Northfield Seminary Esty Chorus under the direction of Mr. Melvin L. Gallagher.

Last evening the annual athletic banquet was held in West Hall on the Hermon campus. Fifty nine varsity letters in football, soccer, and cross country were awarded. Eleven letters were presented to the victorious cross country team, twenty-seven letters were won in the football, and twenty-one in soccer. Special guests at the banquet included President and Mrs. Park and an athletic delegation from Brown University.

Skiers Of Providence Plan Outing Here

A party of some thirty people from Providence, R. I., are to visit here and spend three days during the Christmas season to enjoy the sport of skiing on nearby trails. The party will be in charge of Gerhardt Herlinger the skiing instructor of the Providence Y.M.C.A. Arrangements are being made locally to accommodate the party, which consists of both men and women.

Sunday School Christmas Parties

On Monday afternoon, (December 22nd) there will be a Christmas Party for the Kindergarten and Cradle Rolls of the Congregational church Sunday School at the church from 3:30 to 4:30.

On Tuesday, (December 23) at 5:30 in the church vestry there will be a supper for the Junior, Senior and Home Department of the Sunday School. This supper will be followed by an entertainment, Santa Claus and gifts. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

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TOWN TOPICS

Test blackouts and air raid alarms have been given at Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon School, and plans recently adopted for action in case of an emergency have proved successful.

A first-aid instructors association in Franklin county has been organized and Miss Hazel Schooley of this town has been chosen as its secretary. Miss Schooley has been active in first-aid work and is a member of the local defense committee.

The high school Glee club will sing carols Friday at 7 p. m. starting at the high school. They will return for games and refreshments.

Children of Eastern Star members were given a Christmas party at the Masonic Hall Thursday afternoon.

The monthly meeting of the Brotherhood at the Congregational church held Tuesday evening was well attended and all heard a most interesting address by C. C. Compton now of Mount Hermon.

Northfield Grange members and their families will have a Christmas party at their regular meeting next Tuesday evening. Each person attending is asked to bring a ten cent gift.

At the Grange meeting last week, Carroll Miller was chosen as treasurer and Mrs. Harriet Fisher chaplain to fill the unexpired terms of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rich who have resigned owing to their removal from town.

Miss Esther Hale, lecturer of the local Grange attended the Lecturers conference in Worcester last week Saturday.

All flying activity at the Turners Falls airport is at a standstill, since war has been declared and pilots and planes are grounded until the new regulations are formulated by the government.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence, R. I., spent last week end at their summer cottage in Mountain Park.

The Christmas vacation of the Northfield school begins today for both the Seminary and Mount Hermon and will end for Hermon on January 5 and for the Seminary on the 8th.

Mrs. Bessie Symonds of Highland Ave has gone to Worcester to spend the winter with her daughter and husband. She does not expect to go to Florida this season.

Miss Margaret Ross is spending the winter in Lynn Haven, Fla., where other Northfield friends are also staying.

A cable received states that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey are safe in Honolulu. It is reported that George Butinsky of this town is also safe there.

Air raid precautions and instructions for a blackout were given to the students and faculty of Mount Hermon school at the assembly last Saturday by Dr. David R. Porter. Lights will be controlled at the power plant and dormitory masters will be in charge during any practice or actual conditions if they should arise.



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LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONING MUST BE RESTRICTED THIS CHRISTMAS

WAR has made it necessary to curtail a typical American habit and tradition... the exchange of Christmas greetings by long-distance telephone. This curtailment is imperative.

Specifically, we must ask people in New England not to make calls on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to points south of New York City, west of Chicago, or to the Maritime Provinces. Such calls, in this time of emergency, may interfere with other calls vital to the nation's safety. The Army, the Navy, civilian defense, and vital industries are depending on telephone service night and day.

Between points in New England, we urge that conversations be brief, although there are sufficient lines to provide reasonably good service.

This is not the Christmas message that we planned to publish. We would like the telephone to make every possible contribution in every part of the country to the spirit of Christmas. But this year there is one supreme obligation for all of us... to serve our country before we serve our personal interests.

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Winter Hostel Trips Are Announced

Two new winter hosting trips at inexpensive youth hostel rates are being offered for the 1941 holiday season by the American Youth Hostels. Offering the extremes of winter and summer modes of travel, the ski trip to northern New England or Canada will rival in popularity the appeal of bicycling along sun-bathed highways and byways of Florida. Both trips are the result of an increased demand for sponsored group trips during the winter season. Dates for both trips are the same, departing from Northfield and New York City on Sunday, December 21 and returning on January 5. Both trips will be under the guidance of competent leaders.

Tentative plans, depending upon snow conditions, include Marquette, N. H., in the White Mountains; Guilford, and Plymouth, one of the best skiing areas in New England. Rene Marcoux, Lac Beauport, Quebec, will be a possibility if snow falls.

Those who prefer biking in the south to skiing in the north have an opportunity to join the trip through Florida. There are as yet no hostels in Florida; instead the group will have the thrilling experience of camping out on beaches. The trip offers enough variety to satisfy cycling, swimming, sailing, and other activities in the out-of-doors. The itinerary includes: New York, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Marieland, Daytona Beach, Summer Haven, Winter Haven, Lake Wales, Sebring, Okeechobee, Belle Glade, Griffin, Miami, Cape Sable and Key Largo.

Noted Architect Dies

The death of Ralph Doane, noted architect occurred in Boston on November 6. He was well known here as the architect for the Northfield schools, and he remodeled and reconstructed the Memorial chapel at Mount Hermon which was an outstanding job. He also remodeled Crossley Hall, Overtown dormitory, West hall and the Social hall at Hermon, and the Merrill-Keep hall at the Seminary. He was a graduate of Hermon in the class of 1908 and also of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in which he became an instructor after his war experience in the last World War. Perhaps his greatest work was the capitol building at Manila and the Rindge Technical school at Cambridge. He was only 55 years of age at his death and was born in Nova Scotia. Surviving are his mother, wife, daughter and sister who reside in Boston. Many friends here mourn his loss.

Fort Devens Party

Because the soldiers in the new station hospital at Fort Devens are enthusiastic over the parties of the Northfield young folks, Mrs. E. M. Powell will take over another group of young ladies on Tuesday evening, December 23. An invitation has been extended by Mrs. Ethel Hopkins to hold a Christmas party in the Red Cross Recreational building and Mrs. Powell will arrange a most interesting program. The soldiers have pleasant recollections of the previous affairs given by Northfield friends when local women kindly contributed the cookies and cakes. All who have attended have enjoyed the parties very much.

With Boy Scouts

The first meeting of the Troop Committee of Troop No. 9 Boy Scouts of America, Northfield was held December 15th and the following officers were elected:

Louis Abbey, chairman, training. E. J. Livingston, treasurer. George Carr, transportation. Greenwood, publicity. Clifford Bolton, camping and hiking. George Leonard, advancement.

It was decided in the future all Boy Scout meetings would begin promptly at seven-thirty ending at nine P. M. However, the church will be open at seven o'clock.

There will be a Boy Scout party next Monday, December 22nd at seven-fifteen P. M., the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abbey, Mr. and Mrs. George Carr, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greenwood.

Fortnightly To-day

This afternoon at 3:00 in Alexander Hall members of the Fortnightly are privileged to bring a guest, as this is the Guest Day meeting. The speaker will be Mrs. Edith Abercrombie Snow of Worcester. A writer and journalist as well as a lecturer, Mrs. Snow's subject this afternoon will be, "Woman's World." The collection will be for the benefit of the Northfield Health Council.

Tea committee will be Mrs. Walter Hyde, Mrs. Roy J. Fish and Mrs. Frank Pearsall.

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Paul Davis, son of Mrs. Margaret Davis, will return home this weekend for the holidays from Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute in Rochester, N. Y. He is a junior in the Photographic Technology Department and is a member of the wrestling squad and the Dramatic Club.

Monroe and Steven Smith, William Nelson, Miss Ida Sheldon, and Mrs. Mildred Addison went to New York City Tuesday. While Mr. Smith attended a meeting of the AYH National Executive Committee, the rest of the group indulged in Christmas shopping.

Mark Barkan of Toledo, Ohio, is staying at the youth hostel. He is an advertising and display man, formerly of Paris. He has had no word from his family since last June, and they are unable to leave France.

Rev. Wade H. Barnes who is located at Elk Grove, Calif., 12 miles from Sacramento, writes to his sister Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella that all is well with him and his family, despite the fears of war.

Berkshire Garden Center

Garden Club enthusiasts in Berkshire County have established a Garden Center in Stockbridge, which consists of a farm house and about six acres of good ground on which gardens will be planted of all kinds, including rock gardens and experimental work conducted. Individual memberships will sustain the experiment, and divide the information and experimental results. A State extension agent will co-operate with demonstrations and lectures. This is the first time that such an experiment has been undertaken, and Garden Club members everywhere are interested in the undertaking. Miss Anne Webb is secretary of Center and A. Kenneth Simpson is the Director, both of whom invite Northfield Garden Club members to visit there and study the proposition.

Dumb: Shopping?
Dora: No, I haven't time today. I'm just buying a few things I need.

West Northfield and South Vernon

Mrs. Frank Lackey has been appointed dietitian at the South school to plan, prepare and serve hot lunches. Supplies will be furnished from the surplus commodities.

Mrs. Francena Steenbruggen is at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Miss Elizabeth Phoebe Derrig, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Derrig of this place, and Lawrence Belden Underwood, Jr., of South Vernon and Salisbury, Vt., were married last week Thursday evening by Rev. Ellis E. Jones at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Derrig. The single-ring service was used.

Fifty relatives attended and a buffet luncheon was served. After the reception the couple left for their home at East Middlebury, Vt. Mr. Underwood is employed at the State fish hatchery at Salisbury.

So. Vernon Church, Rev. B. F. White, pastor. Junior Mission Society Saturday at 2:30 at the church. Exchange of gifts. Sunday morning worship at 10:30; the pastor will bring a Christmas message. Sunday School at 11:45. The regular Loyal Workers' meeting will be omitted. The Loyal Workers' Society will present a Christmas pageant, "Lasting Glory" Sunday evening at 7:30, with Mrs. White as director. A rehearsal for the pageant will be held Saturday night at 7:00.

The annual Christmas exercises and tree will be at the church Tuesday evening at 7. There will be something for all children attending.

A Watchnight service will be held Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Martindale has been spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Spencer in Bellows Falls.

The Men's Card Club will meet Wednesday evening with Philip Holton.

Joseph Weston and granddaughter, Miss June Weston are spending the week with his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Holton.

George Chapman

George Chapman of the Plains Road died Wednesday evening at the Franklin County Hospital where he had been for the past ten days. He had been ill for a long time. Mr. Chapman conducted a small farm and was a successful grower of berry plants and flowers.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Stillings, North Andover, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Deborah E., to Gilbert Evans Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Potts of this town.

Miss Stillings was graduated from Colby college in 1940 and is taking a secretarial course at the Charles school in Cambridge. Mr. Pitts, Mount Hermon, 1938, is now a senior at Colby college. No date has been set for the wedding.

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TOWN TOPICS

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shearer of the Pine Meadow road at the Farm, at the Franklin county hospital on Saturday, December 18.

In Probate court last week was filed the will of the late Miss Bertha F. Wood of this town, who leaves her estate to Miss Annie L. Weeks.

Rev. William E. Park was the speaker at the meeting of the Winchester, N. H. Women's club last week Friday at the home of Mrs. Florence S. Kellom. Mr. Park was introduced by Mrs. Ethel Tarbell, president of the club and his subject was upon Religion in Education.

Mrs. Richard A. Cobb has been chosen as president of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church, to take the place of Mrs. Carroll Rich who has removed from town.

Members of the staff of the Hermonite, the periodical of Mount Hermon school, accompanied by Harry Erickson visited the plant of the Springfield Republican on Saturday of last week. On their return they had supper at Wiggins tavern in Northampton.

Mrs. J. Wallace Chesbro, summer resident of the Ridge, is spending the winter with her father and sister in Phoenix, Arizona. Her son, Albert, is in the U. S. Navy at Hecla, Hawaii and her son Dr. Wallace Chesbro, is with the medical staff of the Marines in the south.

Announcements have been received here that for the benefit of Grenfell Mission in Labrador, which is observing its fiftieth anniversary, a performance of "The daughter of the Regiment" with Lily Pons and Salvatore Baccaloni in the leading roles, will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York on the evening of January 24.

Miss Muriel Kendrick, formerly of this town, who is now teaching at Lacombe, N. H., informs the Press, that a cable from Honolulu, states that Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Daggett are safe there, where Mr. Daggett is a teacher at a large educational institution. Mrs. Daggett is her sister and they have many friends here who will be pleased to learn of their safety.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morse of this town have arrived in Florida and will be at Vero Beach for the winter season.

Mrs. Charles Dickerson has as her guest at the "Homestead" this week, her friend, Mrs. Yeaton, wife of the military attaché of the Moscow embassy with whom she made the long trip back to the United States from Russia.

Mrs. E. M. Powell reports that the receipts of the "China for China" party held recently at her home, amounted to \$132.25, a splendid sum for the Chinese cause.

The stores of Brattleboro and Greenfield will be open every evening from now till Christmas.

Have you seen the beautiful lighted Christmas tree on the Seminary campus. It can be seen from many vantage points about East Northfield.

Cards of Appreciation
I wish to thank the members of Harmony Lodge for the beautiful watch presented me. This act of true friendship means much and I surely appreciate it. I have always enjoyed my work as secretary, but under the present circumstances I did not feel like continuing.

Charles C. Stearna.
Miss Elizabeth Miller who is a nurse at the Lying-in-hospital at Providence, R. I., has been spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hale of this town at the Franklin county hospital, Thursday, Dec. 10.

An inventory of the estate of the late Mrs. Eva J. Ware of this town who died last October was filed last week in probate court. Personal is \$12,350.02, real estate \$4,000. Frank W. Williams was the appraiser.

The local bowling team in the county league defeated the So. Deerfield team last week by a score of 3 to 1.

In the account of the local civilian defense committee setup last week, we desire to correctly give the personnel of the medical defense section which is Dr. Allen H. Wright medical chief; Dr. F. Wilton Dean chairman of health; Samuel E. Walker social service and Mrs. Emery Rickert, home nursing.

Another report has come in on the distribution of Christmas checks. The Vermont Peoples National bank of Brattleboro has sent out 1,157 checks to members of its Christmas fund which amounts to \$42,618.50. The bank announces that it is open Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

The Young Peoples Forum of the Congregational church will join with the Christian Endeavor in a candlelight service Sunday evening. Members of the Forum sent last week nine boxes of clothing to the needy at Eden, Vt., and distributed some clothing in town.

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Poultry Seasoning, Bills pkg. 7c

Cucumber Slices, Heinz 1-gal. jar 21c

Tomato Juice, Pride Farm 47-oz. can 16½c

Evaporated Milk, Van Camp 3 tall cans 25c

Jellies, Greenwich Inn 2 1-lb. glasses 25c

Fruit Cocktail, Jim Dandy 2 No. 1 cans 25c

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EDITORIAL

OUR FREEDOM

The people of America want their freedoms and will defend them. They are the freedom to speak our mind. It's reading what we want; going to church—any church—or not going to church, as our choice may be. It's working for whom we want, on the terms we want. It's spending or saving; putting savings into a small business and seeing it grow; running that business as we want. It's all the friendly little "howdy's" said along life's pathway, to whom we please and as we please without kowtowing to any one.

These and a hundred and one things of daily individual choice make up the precious quality of personal liberty.

WITH THE RADIO

Radio, always a vital influence in the lives of the public, becomes even more important in war-time. Listeners keep glued to their loudspeakers to get reports from their city officials, get the latest news, and get the bulletins which are designed to assist them in emergencies. In New York, while air raids tests are on, people are urged to keep their radios tuned—although stations may temporarily go off the air. And although every man, woman and child can seem to get enough news through their loudspeakers, we believe the radio will strive even more to entertain with light music and fun to help keep the morale of the people high.

Love Eternal

In Baalbec there were lovers
Who plucked the passing flower;
In Sidon and Palmyra
Each flushed, immortal hour

Was gathered in the passing;
In Greece and Rome they knew
That from the living Present
The whitest blossoms grew.

The countless generations
Like Autumn leaves go by:
Love only is eternal,
Love only does not die.

Harry Kemp

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Oleson

My biddies gave me one more cause on Thanksgiving Day for giving thanks. The eleven of them turned out nine eggs, and one of these was double-yolked which might be counted as one and a half. Maybe they in turn were thankful that I had bought our Thanksgiving dinner from a local poultryman rather than utilizing home grown meat.

And I'm certainly thankful now that I followed Mum's advice. A few weeks ago I thought of putting in lights to help stimulate production—in other words to copy big-time poultrymen. But Mum objected. "If you do," she says, "you'll have them laying more than they ought to." And at the rate they have been going, I guess she's right. With lights, we'd probably have them producing better than 100 per cent.

The eleven hens which I now have, in the first 20 days of November, produced 12 dozen eggs which is in the slang vernacular "shelling 'em out." Figuring feed costs alone my eggs so far—September 5 to November 20—have cost me a shade under

20 cents a dozen. In that time we have lost two of the hens. One got crippled in transportation so we made her into a Sunday dinner. The other was sick so I finally finished her off and buried her. But even figuring both as a complete loss, my eggs have stood me 28½ cents a dozen.

That gives me another reason for being thankful that I started this back yard poultry idea. Medium eggs are retelling in our town right now for 48 cents a dozen and large eggs anywhere from 52 to 55 cents a dozen. And according to what I heard the other night I'm going to be even more thankful in the future. I heard that one of our ranking naval officers predicted that this war would last at least three years. So you can see that in the next three years this little back yard poultry project of mine is going to pay good dividends because I certainly will need all the spare cash I can get in order to pay my taxes, and I'll do that willingly, and also to have a little extra money to buy savings stamps and bonds for the kiddies.

Next spring I hope to have things ready so that I can buy a few chickens, raise them during the summer, and use the cockerels as broilers. And I think that home gardens will be another thing that most folks should consider seriously during the next three years in order to cut down living expenses.

Speaking of gardens, I spent a few hours Thanksgiving Day getting my rose bushes ready for winter. I took the ramblers and clematis off the trellises, rolled the branches together as well as I could without getting too many thorn stabs and covered them with burlap. Then I'm going to lay them on the ground and cover them with leaves and soil. This is really one of the best ways of protecting rambler and clematis roses. Of course it's difficult if you've let your climbers twine in and out of the trellises. It's next to impossible to get them out.

With other roses right now is a good time to clean away weeds and other growth and put a mound of dirt over the roots. This prevents any chance of water standing on the roots during the winter. That's one thing that certainly raises havoc with rose bushes—water standing on the spots. You can mound it up from the soil around the plants, but it's better to bring in soil from another part of the garden and make a little mound six or eight inches high. And of course after the ground is thoroughly frozen a layer of manure or straw, say three or four inches, is good to give further protection to the roots. Then the chances are even Steven that your bushes will come through the winter O. K. And even if the tops get killed with the roots alive new growth will start next spring.

They say, you know, that we've got a cold winter ahead, but it certainly doesn't look that way now.

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